

NIXON VOWS HE'LL BACK WEST GERMANY



LEVI ESHKOL
Israeli Premier Dies

Israeli Premier Eshkol Is Dead

Dayan Expected To Fight To Become Successor

JERUSALEM (AP) — Premier Levi Eshkol, the second man to head Israel's government during the Jewish state's turbulent 21-year life, died today of a heart attack, the government announced. He was 73.

Deputy Premier Yigal Allon is expected to take over the government, possibly remaining at

the helm until general elections in November.

But Eshkol's death raised the prospect of intense political rivalry between Allon and Defense Minister Moshe Dayan at a time of grave crisis for Israel, with Arab guerrilla attacks increasing and with such nominal Israeli allies as the United States openly opposed to Israel's policy of retaliation.

WAR LEADER

Eshkol succeeded David Ben-Gurion as premier in 1963 and headed the government during Israel's lightning victory over the Arabs in the June 1967 war.

He had been ill with pneumonia several times in recent months. On Feb. 3, he collapsed with a heart attack after a crisis shook his cabinet. But his doctor, Prof. Moshe Rachmilewitz, said the premier had recovered completely from the first attack and "yesterday acted as chairman of a ministerial committee."

Rachmilewitz said the second attack occurred about an hour before Eshkol died at his home in Jerusalem at 8:15 a.m. His wife was at his bedside. Four daughters also survive him.

In Damascus, the Al Fatah guerrilla organization claimed Eshkol was fatally injured when Al Fatah commandos made a rocket attack on his country home Monday night.

"This is the most ridiculous and childish announcement that the primitive Fatah propaganda's wild imagination has ever fabricated," said Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman David Rivlin.

The Israeli government had reported the attack on the Degania Bet Kibbutz earlier but said the premier was not there at the time. Rivlin said Eshkol, who helped found the Kibbutz, had not been there for several months.

A native of the Ukraine, Eshkol died at his home.

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YIGAL ALLON
Temporary Successor



MOSHE DAYAN
Storm Center

License Plate Sales Booming

LANSING (AP) — With the deadline for buying new license plates only hours away, Secretary of State James Hare reports license plate sales running well ahead of last year's pace.

"As of Monday, February sales are more than 69,000 ahead of the same date in 1968," Hare said Tuesday.

The deadline for installing 1969 license plates is midnight Friday.

"Last year during the final hours of buying activity vehicle owners had an extra leap year day," Hare said. "This year they'll have to leap for themselves to get those plates before Friday's deadline."

Hare cautioned motorists to furnish proof of liability insurance when applying for new plates. In addition, he said a motorist would need last year's vehicle registration or title if he does not have the prepared application mailed to him earlier by the Department of State.

Hare predicted that license plate sales would reach 4 million by March 15 and 5 million by the end of the year.

"This would be an all-time record for Michigan plate sales," he said.

Bonn Okays Talks With Moscow

President Says Europe's Woes Aren't Critical

BONN, Germany (AP) — President Nixon received the West German government's approval today for his planned negotiations with Moscow and in turn assured Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger the United States will support West Germany in her negotiations over Berlin.

A German government spokesman said Nixon told Kiesinger he will make his trip to West Berlin Thursday not as a provocation but to show the United States is standing by Berlin, whatever the West German government decides to do about holding its disputed presidential election there next Wednesday.

It was widely assumed the two statesmen also discussed the diplomatic hassle between President Charles de Gaulle of France and Prime Minister Harold Wilson of Britain concerning the future of the Common Market and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

TRANSIENT PROBLEMS

The spokesman said Nixon expressed the view the difficulties in Europe were transient and "no critical situation had arisen."

Kiesinger, in turn, agreed that exaggeration should be avoided and there was no reason for hectic reaction. He said a united Europe was the aim of Bonn's policies and differences over methods and form of this unity were secondary.

Most newsmen at the briefing took these remarks to refer to the French-British quarrel.

Kiesinger told the President he and the German people view cooperation with the United States as an essential element of political life.

The spokesman quoted the chancellor as saying: "We recognize that we cannot eternally depend on the protection of a big brother. We realize we must make our own substantial contribution in this respect."

Coming from London for the third stop on his eight-day European visit, Nixon once again dedicated the United States to the reunification of its divided World War II foe.

In a brief airport exchange of greetings, Nixon told Kiesinger and Foreign Minister Willy Brandt: "The commitment of your nation and mine to the ultimate reunification of Germany—that cannot change."

The President added that the United States and West Germany also could not change their commitments to the "common defense" and the "orderly construction of a durable peace in the world."

A similar expression of the U.S. commitment to the defense of West Berlin is expected when Nixon visits the city Thursday and once again looks at the Communist wall dividing it.

LOOKS RESTED

Despite his heavy schedule in London, Nixon looked fresh and

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'WHAT'S THAT?': U.S. President Richard Nixon seems to be asking West German Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger a question about something in the garden of Palais Schaumburg today as they met to begin conferences at Bonn. (AP Wirephoto)

Massive Hunt On For 2 Men

St. Joseph Chase Extends To Rural South Haven

A hunt by land, air and dog was launched this morning for two men who crashed a car into a state police car and escaped, two miles south of South Haven on Blue Star highway.

The pair had been pursued from St. Joseph by four police cars. They were driving an auto believed to have been stolen. Two troopers in the state police

car escaped injury.

CRASHED IN WOODS

The fugitives' car went off the road about a quarter of a mile from the collision, traveled the rim of a ravine and smashed into the edge of a woods.

Police said two men jumped out of the car and fled on foot. It was known if they were injured.

A state trooper from the Paw Paw post arrived later with a tracking dog and Benton township Pilots Raymond Frye and Jack Drach scanned the area from an airplane after dawn.

St. Joseph Patrolman Clifford Ward said the car had Indiana license plates. The plates were reported stolen last May.

Ward said the car also appeared to be stolen. The vehicle identification number had been removed and the ignition contained no key. It appeared to have been hotwired. The lock to the trunk had also been removed and replaced with lead, he said.

The chase began when St. Joseph Patrolman Jack Root attempted to stop the car about 3:30 a.m. today in St. Joseph. Root said the occupants appeared drunk. Instead of stopping, the car sped north on US-33.

Root pursued and the driver of the fleeing car turned off the lights. Root said it hit speeds of 100 before the lights were turned on at Coloma-Riverside road, six miles north of St. Joseph.

20 MILE CHASE

St. Joseph Sgt. Dale Adams and Ward joined in the pursuit. Benton Harbor Patrolman Kenneth Welsch, who was on Klock road, also joined the chase. They chased the car about 20 miles.

The auto pursuit ended when Troopers James Fahey and Jerry Wensloff tried to force the fleeing car from the road and the collision resulted.

No Money, No Plant-- Buchanan

BUCHANAN (AP) — Mayor Kenneth Witt says Buchanan is not obligated to proceed with construction of new sewage treatment facilities if federal or state funds are not received.

The State Water Resources Commission has requested that Buchanan construct new sewage facilities by 1972. The facilities would be required to remove 80 per cent of phosphates emptying into the St. Joseph River.

The commission has given Buchanan 60 days in which to adopt a new plan.

Law Will Be Explained

An explanation of Michigan's fair housing law will be conducted tonight at 7:30 by the Michigan Civil Rights commission at the Youth Memorial building, Berrien Springs.

Real estate agents, contractors and the general public are invited to attend the session. Presiding will be the Rev. Lawrence E. Crockett, newly appointed director of the Civil Rights commission office in Benton Harbor.

SJ Youth Charged As Draft Dodger

A St. Joseph youth will face federal court on a charge of draft dodging following his arrest Tuesday in the attic of a friend's home.

Seized by St. Joseph police after he allegedly fled his own home when a federal marshal knocked at the door was Michael H. Ferguson, 20, of 2335 Niles avenue.

GRAND JURY INDICTMENT

Marshal John Beatty of Grand Rapids said he had a warrant for Ferguson charging him with failing to report for military service. The warrant was obtained after a federal grand jury

indicted the youth Feb. 18.

St. Joseph Det. Lt. William Mihalik and Patrolman William Beaudette reported they went to the nearby home of Richard Zuppman, 2350 Niles avenue, a friend of the youth. There, they said, young Zuppman's mother told them the Ferguson youth had been there but had left when her son departed for class at Lake Michigan college.

The two officers said Mrs. Zuppman allowed a search of her home for the youth. Mihalik and Beaudette said they found Ferguson hiding in an attic closet.

Officers said the youth had bolted out of an upstairs door at his own home and leaped from a porch roof to the ground when his mother informed him a federal marshal wanted to see him.

HELD IN JAIL

Ferguson, son of Mrs. Alice Pantilla, was held overnight in the Berrien county jail until another federal officer, deputy Marshal Carl Wheat of Grand Rapids, picked him up and took him to Grand Rapids for a preliminary hearing.

Mrs. Lillian C. Weimar, executive secretary of Berrien County Selective Service Board No. 11, said Ferguson had been ordered to report for immediate induction last June 17. He did not report, she added, which led to the federal

indictment.

She said the maximum sentence for failure to report for induction is five years in prison and \$10,000 fine.

Expectant Mother Is Jailed

Taken Later To Hospital

A young woman allegedly in her ninth month of pregnancy was sentenced to 30 days in the Berrien county jail yesterday when she was unable to pay a \$100 fine for shoplifting. She was arraigned before Sixth District Judge Harry A. Laity.

Miss Laurelean Raines, 18, of 351 Summit street, Benton Harbor, didn't remain in jail long, however. She was transported to the Berrien General hospital.

Hospital night supervisor Mrs. Angie Hanson said Miss Raines would remain in the hospital through today. She was admitted to the obstetrics ward although she was not having labor pains yet, Mrs. Hanson said.

Miss Raines and a 14-year-old girl were arrested by Benton Harbor Patrolmen Herman Pollard and Eli Rolland yesterday, after several items were taken from three stores. The juvenile was petitioned to Berrien juvenile court.

Police said Alan Coultas, manager of the United Discount store, 140 East Main street, detained the two until police arrived.

Police said they recovered cosmetics, four pairs of shoes, two pairs of men's shorts and 24 comic books. The articles allegedly were taken from United Discount, McLellan's and Woolworth's, all on Main street.

Miss Raines was arrested about 3:30 p.m. yesterday and arraigned shortly before 5 p.m. Berrien county Deputy Sheriff Robert L. Gilson and a matron took her to the hospital about 11 p.m.

Police said Miss Raines had resided in Michigan for approximately a year and receives aid for dependent children.

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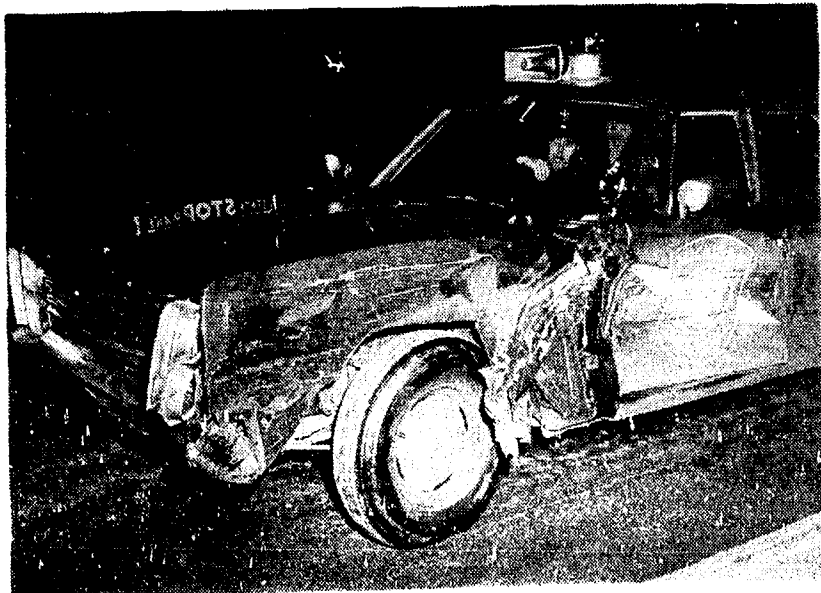
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STATE POLICE CAR HIT: A state police car from South Haven was side-swiped by a fleeing auto when troopers attempted to force the car off the road as it passed. The collision caused the driver to lose control and the car went off Blue Star highway. The car was believed stolen. (Staff photo)



A CLIFF HANGER—ALMOST: Two men fled on foot after this car came to a halt on the edge of a hollow two miles south of South Haven early this morning. Trees and shrubbery prevented the car from plunging into a frozen pond below. The car was chased about 20 miles from St. Joseph. The car took off when a city patrolman attempted to stop it. (Staff photo)

ELECT 12 TO MODEL CITIES STEERING BOARD

Republicans Will Set Up BH Offices

Permanent Secretary Is St. Joe Woman

BERRIEN SPRINGS — In an effort to get the party further involved in more phases of community activities, the Berrien County Republican committee Tuesday night voted to establish a permanent headquarters.

It voted, at its monthly meeting at the Youth Memorial building, also to hire a permanent secretary to operate the headquarters.

Chosen for the post of secretary was Mrs. Robert C. (Gerri) Rohwer, 516 Wallace avenue, St. Joseph.

The headquarters, according to County Chairman F.A. "Mike" Jones, will be opened on the second floor of the ICB bank building at the "five corners" in downtown Benton Harbor. It should open around April 15, he said.

EXPLAINS WORK

Charles Joseph, manager of Highland House in Benton Harbor, told committee members of his work aimed at helping people in a rundown neighborhood improve their homes and surroundings.

While the Highland House program started principally as a demonstration project for others to follow, Joseph said it was soon learned that many factors are involved in the upgrading of an area. He cited need for leadership within the black community, for financing and credit for business and home improvement, for legal representation, and for a consumer protective agency.

The protective agency envisioned by Joseph would be a private endeavor that would advise people on individual and group bases as to when they should or should not make major purchases, such as homes and major home appliances.

SJ Broker Enters Not Guilty Plea

St. Joseph real estate broker Richard Ludwig pleaded innocent yesterday in Sixth District court in Benton Harbor on a charge of violation of the city's uniform housing code.

Ludwig is charged with allowing occupancy of an uninspected house.

Ludwig allegedly is agent for a house at 694 Waukonda avenue which was condemned and posted with a "Do Not Enter Sign."

Pleading innocent to a charge of violation of the uniform building code was Mrs. Annabelle Page who is charged with being the occupant of the house and violating a "Do Not Enter" order.

The Benton Harbor city commission last week voted to hold a hearing March 3 to show cause why the house should not be torn down. The building allegedly owned by Miss Maleta Bakeman of rural Dowagiac, for whom Ludwig acts as agent. Ludwig contends that he is making repairs on the building and that it is being occupied only to prevent vandalism.

Judge Harry Laity set bond at \$100 for both, who demanded jury trials. No date was set for the trials.

FIGHT WELFARE CUTS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield says Democrats will fight any attempt by Nixon budget-cutters to drastically slash welfare programs.

To Appoint Seven More On March 6

Major Phase Of Organization Is Completed

By TOM BRUNDRETT Staff Writer

Twelve persons were elected Tuesday to the Citizens' Steering Council on the Model Cities program, clearing away a major phase of the program's preliminary organization effort.

A total of 742 persons voted in the 12 districts of Benton Harbor and Benton township, which have a population of 10,000.

Seven additional council members will be appointed. Also to be named are council officers, permanent officers of the program's Community Progress commission (CPC) and completion of staff appointments.

Richard Peters, temporary chairman of the CPC, and the new council members agreed to meet at 6:30 p.m. March 6, to pin down the appointees.

PERSONS ELECTED

Elected to the council were Mrs. Catherine Marshburn, 50, of 397 North Hull avenue, Benton Harbor; Silas Legg, 45, of 793 Waukonda avenue, Benton township; Mrs. Marie Nelson, 68, of 2221 Highland avenue, Benton township; Edward Hudson, 35, of 150 Birdie street, Benton township; his brother, Johnnie Hudson, 44, of 1801 Highland avenue, Benton township; Mrs. Annabelle Bankston, 44, of A-6 Ross Park, Benton township;

Mrs. Blossie Mae Broyles, 34, of 1235 Blossom Lane, Benton township; Hubert Love, 19, of 855 Mineral street, Benton Harbor; Mrs. Esther V. Kizer, 45, of 332 South McCord street, Benton Harbor; Carroll Johnson, 46, of 569 Cass street, Benton Harbor; Mrs. Louella Lange, 54, of 615 East Main street, Benton Harbor; and Warren P. Mitchell, 45, of 661 Waukonda avenue, Benton Harbor.

The Citizens Steering Council will review and approve plans for the Model Cities project. The planning will be directed by the Community Progress commission.

The representatives were elected by district from the 12 districts making up the Benton Harbor-Benton township Model Cities neighborhood.

ELECTION RESULTS

Results by district were:

District One: Mrs. Marsh-



WIN DISTRICT OFFICE POSITIONS: Twelve persons living in the Benton Harbor-Benton township Model Cities Neighborhood Tuesday were elected to the program's Citizens' Steering Council. Ten of the winners, seated left to right: Mrs. Esther V. Kizer, District Nine; Mrs. Louella Lange, District Eleven; Mrs. Marie Nelson, District Three; Mrs. Blossie Mae Broyles, District Seven;

and Mrs. Annabelle Bankston, District Six. Standing, left to right are, Carroll Johnson, District Ten; Edward Hudson, District Four; his brother Johnnie Hudson, District Five; Silas Legg, District Two; and Warren P. Mitchell, District Twelve. Not pictured are Mrs. Catherine Marshburn, District One; and Hubert Love, District Eight. (Staff photo)

burn, 36.

District Two: Legg, 25.

District Three: Mrs. Nelson,

45, Toscanelli Askew, 26.

District Four: Edward Hud-

son, 32, Mrs. Ruthie Barnes, 27.

District Five: Johnnie Hud-

son, 55, Jake Wells (Write-in),

1.

District Six: Mrs. Bankston,

29, Mrs. Mae Ida Horton, 21,

Mrs. Hazel Whitfield, 19.

District Seven: Mrs. Broyles,

50, Miss Ida Marie Horton, 41,

Rickie J. Moore, 30, and Jessie

Adell (write-in), 3.

District Eight: Love, 28,

Larry E. Brown, 21.

District Nine: Mrs. Kizer, 40,

Helen Fair (write-in), 1.

District Ten: Johnson, 34,

Lloyd Denton, 20.

District Eleven: Mrs. Lange,

37, E. Earl Robbins (write-in),

1.

District Twelve: Mitchell, 30,

Mrs. Nellie Wright, 27, and the

Rev. Jake Webb, 19.

Forty-three ballots were de-

scribed as spoiled, according to

Benton Harbor City Clerk Evelyn

Grenawitzke and Benton

Township Clerk Ralph Dahn.

Peters and other CPC mem-

bers met with 10 of the 12

elective officers after the re-

sults were announced in the

Benton Harbor city hall.

Peters said it had been

suggested that the council offi-

cers, when elected, automatic-

ally become the council's rep-

resentatives on the CPC.

According to Peters, a chairman, a vice-chairman for social planning and a vice-chairman for physical planning were being considered as the offices for the council.

TERM OF OFFICE

Under present planning, Peters said the term of the elected district officers would be a year or the life of the program's planning phase.

The planning phase is to be for 10 months and it is to start once the formal contract authorizing the planning phase is signed by the federal government and the two municipalities.

The contract is to be signed

in early March. Under the contract, the federal government, through the agency administering the Demonstration Cities for Model Neighborhoods program, will put up \$93,000 to pay for planning.

A detailed one-year program and a general five-year plan are to be ready 10 months later for submission to the federal government for approval and funding.

Peters told the district officials, "You have a very important job to do. I can't stress this enough. To get done in 10 months is a real challenge."

COUNCIL'S DUTIES

The CPC, the agency named by the two municipalities to oversee the planning, has already agreed that the council would develop and recommend plans.

Following the final organizational steps, Peter said the CPC is planning to meet monthly with the council, in addition to holding regular separate meetings.

Peters said the election turnout of 742 almost made the 800 he had expected and he said the figure exceeded the total in the last city election. In the city election, Peters said, 619 voted.

The election was organized by the CPC and permitted 18-year-olds to vote for the first time in a local government-type election.

Farm Home Damaged By Fire

EAU CLAIRE — Fire starting in a closet off the kitchen yesterday damaged the farm home of the Murray Anstiss family on Smith road five miles southeast of here in Berrien township.

Anstiss had most of the fire under control when firemen arrived about 12:30 p.m. Firemen finished putting out the blaze, which burned the ceiling of the closet, kitchen and dining room.

The fire appeared to start from a small explosion in the closet, Anstiss said. He said he could not estimate the loss which was not covered by insurance.

Millburg Man Injured When Hit By Car

Garvin McCauley, 51, of Millburg, was admitted to Benton Harbor Mercy hospital last night when a car struck him. The car did not stop, he said. McCauley, who resides with his son Hoyt, was taken to the hospital by his son.

McCauley told police he was walking along Roslyn road Sunday night when a car struck him. The car did not stop, he said. McCauley, who resides with his son Hoyt, was taken to the hospital by his son.

Hoyt McCauley told police his father returned home Sunday and complained of chest pains, then went to the hospital Tuesday.

Sodus Twp. Supporting West Route

The Sodus township board last night voted to support a western route for the proposed US-31 relocation freeway, citing benefits of two bridges across the St. Joseph river and two highway interchanges in the township.

The board approved a recommendation by the Sodus township zoning board, which stated that an alternate eastern highway route would provide this growing region with only one bridge and one interchange.

The Michigan State Highway department has not yet determined the route to be taken. A public hearing, originally scheduled for Feb. 6 was postponed, and a new hearing date has not yet been announced.

The freeway would run 28 miles south from the I-94 and I-196 interchange near Benton Harbor to the Indiana-Michigan line southwest of Niles. The so-called "western loop" would pass Berrien Springs on the west, crossing the St. Joseph river twice to do so, while the eastern route would pass Berrien Springs on the east.

OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, the board discussed but took no action, on hiring a fourth part time township police officer.

Township residents were reminded that the dump on River road near King's landing will be closed sometime in March. A future trash system is to be studied by the board.

The board reported that the years business will end March 11, with settlement day scheduled March 25 and the annual meeting set for 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 5.

Regular board meetings were set for 8 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The past few sessions have started at 7:30 p.m. Approved were bills totaling \$42.82 from the general fund and \$669.49 from the fire department account.

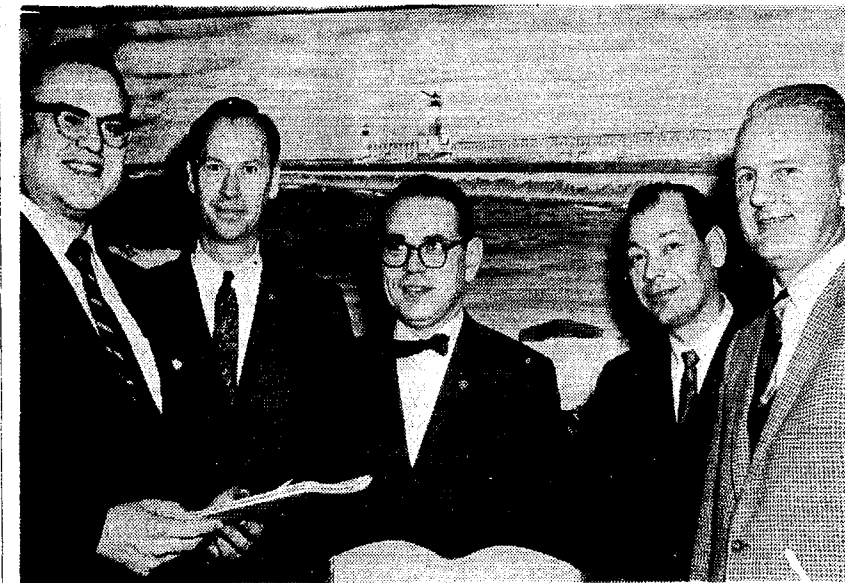
Razor Used In Fight At School

Two Benton Harbor junior high school students were suspended yesterday and one of them was petitioned to Berrien juvenile court for carrying a razor blade carton opener in his wallet.

Benton Harbor youth officers said the 15-year-old youth pulled the razor blade out of his wallet during a fight in the hallway with a 16-year-old. The 15-year-old's hand was cut when a teacher knocked the razor from his hand, police said.

Royalton Thief Raids Freezers

Approximately \$250 worth of frozen beef was stolen in a burglary of her home, Lydia Griechen of Marquette Woods road, Royalton township, told Berrien county sheriff deputies yesterday.



PLANNING STATE CONFERENCE: Jack Dean (left) general chairman of the 1969 state Toastmasters' state conference to be held at the Statler Hilton, Benton township April 26 checks with chairmen, all members of Twin City Toastmasters Club 1410 who will sponsor the meet. Dean said 300 persons are expected from all parts of Michigan. Highlight of the conference is a speech contest bringing together nine regional champions. Reporting on details are, from left: John Diederich, president of the Benton Harbor club and chairman of the finance committee; Lloyd Shapleigh, chairman of the women's program; Harold Gaddie, special arrangements chairman and Peter DeGroot, chairman of the conference luncheon. (Staff photo)

TWO SATURDAYS

BHHS Senior Class Will Hold Bake Sale

A bake sale is being sponsored by the senior class at Benton Harbor high school to help pay for the annual senior class party in May.

Vikki Gray, publicity chairman, said the sale would be held the next two Saturdays. On March 1, the sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the K-Mart store, Riverview drive, Benton Harbor. On March 8, the sale will shift to Goldblatt's store in the Fairplaza plaza during the same hours.

Miss Gray said the goods available at the sale are being donated by class members. The party will be held May 28.

He Shoots Self Instead Of 'Prowler'

J. C. Fox, 33, of 539 North Winans street, Benton Harbor, told city police he accidentally shot himself in the lower leg early this morning as he was loading his .25 caliber pistol.

Fox said he heard a prowler around midnight and was loading the pistol when the pistol slipped from his hand and fell to the floor, discharging. He was treated and released from Benton Harbor Mercy hospital.

Soldier Writes To Pals From German Jail

By JERRY KRIEGER County-Farm Editor

A former Benton Harbor soldier being held by German authorities on a felony charge has written to this newspaper as a means of informing his friends of what has happened to him. He added that he would like to hear from his friends.

Army Spec. 4 Larry E. Barker, 22, asked this newspaper to publish a note he had written "to my friends," and explained he is permitted to write only to his family and one other person. He did not explain the nature of the charge against him, except to say it is "serious." He noted his trial before German judicial authorities is scheduled for March 25.

ARRESTED APRIL 22

Barker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd E. Barker of Stevensville,

entered the Army in January of 1966 and arrived overseas in Germany in June of that year. The family lived in Benton Harbor at the time he entered the Army. He was arrested by German civil authorities last April 22, less than a week before he was scheduled to return to the States.

Following is his note, addressed "To My Friends":

"I am writing this to let all my friends know the reason that I haven't been home before now. As most of you know I was supposed to have been home by 28 April 1968 but I seem to have changed all that on the 22 April 1968 when the German authorities picked me up and told me that I had been charged with a few things that would keep me in Germany for awhile until I was either found guilty or not guilty. If any of you would like to write

I would be glad to hear from you. I am not able to tell you what the charges are but they are pretty serious and I will probably be in jail for quite awhile but I will try and see all of you as soon as they let me come home.

"If any of you know anything about German trial procedures please write and let me know because I don't have the slightest idea about what they can do to me. Well, I must close this little note so it won't be too long to print. Wish me luck and say a little prayer for me."

A member of the Barker family said they were told the Army has provided legal counsel for the soldier.

His address is Spec. 4 Larry E. Barker, RA16850290, Box 4, APO New York, N.Y., 09696.

ST. JOSEPH, MICH., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1969

STATES DISCUSS POWER PLANT POLLUTION

Van Buren
Ambulances
Under StudyFiery Report
Is Delivered
By SheriffBy JIM DONAHUE
South Haven Bureau

PAW PAW — A general overhaul of Van Buren county's ambulance service, presently operated by the county sheriff's department, may be under consideration soon by the county board of supervisors.

The board yesterday agreed to study the possibility of "beefing up" the present ambulance service, either through improvement of its present program or by subsidizing outside professional ambulance services, following a fiery report by Sheriff Richard Stump.

Stump told the board he was upset over some inaccurate reporting in a Van Buren county newspaper that has implied that the county ambulance service has been poor and that his men have not been trained for the work. He said he was tired of being used as a "political whipping post" and that it was time for the board to choose now whether to "jump into this thing with both feet" or get out altogether.

NEWSPAPER REPORTS

The sheriff was referring to newspaper reports of an attempt by Tom Renner, an unopposed candidate for city council at South Haven, to secure additional ambulance service within that city to assist the county ambulance service.

In his report to the board, Stump said his ambulances hauled 1,302 patients during 1968, most of them elderly or terminal patients being carried from one hospital to another. He said the service cost the county a total of about \$59,662.95, with returns of \$16,888 during the year, making a deficit of \$42,774.95.

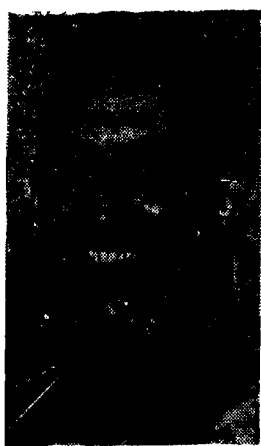
Stump noted that the county ambulance plan was established "to provide a service and not to elaborate. After all, it is taxpayer's money we are dealing with and I have tried to keep costs down wherever I could."

'MINIMUM' BUDGET

"But it seems there is a certain element brewing in the county now that is not satisfied," the sheriff went on. "I will tell you this right now, that anybody who wants to come in and take over this service is welcome to it. We do a service with a minimum of equipment and men involved. We are doing it with a bare minimum and we don't take time to coddle people."

"I made it very clear to my committee this morning that I would just as soon be out of it," Stump said. "The board has got to decide soon one way or the other."

In his report, Stump also indicated that he has been unable to provide better ambu-



SHERIFF STUMP

lance service because of a lack of equipment and manpower. He noted that the old board of supervisors promised to expand the service and hire additional manpower as needed, but that his requests for more help have since gone unheeded.

MORNING MEETING

In an interview following the afternoon session with the supervisors, Stump said he had met yesterday morning with members of the sheriff's committee to discuss ambulance service in more detail. He said a representative from Mall City Ambulance Service, of Kalamazoo, was also present at this meeting and that the committee has agreed to investigate the county's needs for improved ambulance service.

In other business the board yesterday adopted a resolution proposed by the county road commission to authorize the commission to sell \$375,000 in motor vehicle highway fund bonds to assist Covert township in its plans for road improvement during the next five years. Paul Kaiser, road commission engineer, told the board that Covert township had voted a two-mill tax levy last year to pay for this work over five years and that the extra levy would bring in over \$475,000 in extra revenues during that period.

MAGISTRATE RESIGNS

The resignation of Walter Stickle as county magistrate was accepted by the board and members agreed to commend Stickle for his many years of service in the Bangor area as justice of the peace. In a letter to the board, Stickle said he was quitting because he felt he didn't care to give up his time to do the work of a court clerk and that he felt the magistrate's limited jurisdiction in district court work rendered him ineffective.

The judiciary committee offered no recommendation for Stickle's replacement "for the time being."

The board took official action yesterday to create the position of equalization director and it was announced that an attempt will be made by the county equalization committee to recommend the appointment of a director to fill the position by April 1.

The purchase of a new boiler for the court house, at an estimated cost of \$15,000, was approved.

Radioactive
Wastes May
Harm FishMonitoring Of
Pesticide Use
Is Proposed

CHICAGO (AP) — Representatives of four states have been advised to safeguard the discharge of hot wastes from nuclear power plants into Lake Michigan.

They also are asked to act together in a checkup on pesticides in the lake and its tributaries.

Reports on both subjects were presented at a one-day meeting Tuesday of conferees from Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan. The states have moved together in steps to reduce pollution by industries and municipalities. At this conference they entered new fields.

POTENTIAL HAZARD

"There is no cause for concern for the effects of radioactive wastes on the lake as a whole," the committee on nuclear waste reported. "There is a possibility of concentration of radioactivity locally in the aquatic life that serves as the food chain for fish, with a potential hazard to those who eat fish from the lake."

The report said seven nuclear power plants will be operating on the shores of Lake Michigan within the next decade.

It recommended that all power plants, nuclear and fossil fuel alike, meet existing water quality standards and that radioactive discharges be kept to the minimum feasible.

A committee on pesticides proposed a monitoring program in lake water and its tributaries. It suggested that an interstate committee draw up uniform controls on the use of pesticides and fix the uniform limits of concentration of pesticides in fish and water.

'GET TOGETHER'

The chairman of the meeting, Murray Stein, enforcement chief of the Federal Water Pollution Administration, asked state officials and committee chairman, Donald I. Mount, to "get together and embark on a program."

The conferees adopted a report by a monitoring committee, recommending that the states sample water for pollution content in tributary streams and on beaches and that the federal government do the same on open waters.

They also received a report that there probably would be a minor die-off of alewives in Lake Michigan this year. The die-off of the unwanted fish was minor in 1968.

SOVIET BOYCOTT

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — The Soviet bloc is boycotting the U.N. committee planning the second Development Decade because West Germany, a major foreign aid contributor, is on it.



CONFERENCE ON LAKE POLLUTION: Members of a conference on Lake Michigan water pollution enforcement met in Chicago Tuesday. They are, from left: Lester Voight, Madison, Wis.; Thomas G. Frangos, Madison; H. W. Poston, Chicago, regional director, Federal Water Pollution Control;

Ralph W. Purdy, Lansing, Mich.; Blucher Poole, Indianapolis, Ind.; Clarence W. Classen, Springfield, Ill., and Murray Stein, Washington, D. C., chief enforcement officer, Federal Water Pollution Control Program. (AP Wirephoto)

Coloma
City Clerk
QuittingBut She Will
Keep One Job

COLOMA — Mrs. Florence Davis has announced she will not seek re-election as city clerk, a position she has held since 1955. She said, however, she will retain the position of city bookkeeper.

In announcing her decision, Mrs. Davis said the duties of the city clerk and the city bookkeeper are all being handled by her. She said she feels the two jobs should be separated.

In addition to being city clerk, Mrs. Davis has been clerk of the city water department since 1958 and clerk of the street department. She was trained by the city a year ago to handle the bookkeeping for reimbursed funds from the State Motor Highway Vehicle fund. She would continue duties in these three areas as city bookkeeper.

WILL HELP SUCCESSOR

Mrs. Davis said she would be willing to help train the new



MRS. FLORENCE DAVIS

city clerk who will be elected on April 7. "I always will do whatever I can for the city. I wouldn't think of letting anyone down," she said.

Mrs. Davis and her late husband, William E. Davis, came to Coloma in 1932. They operated the Coloma Poultry Farm and later the Coloma News Agency. She resides at 189 Center street.

Mrs. Davis told the city commission and mayor of her decision at an executive session earlier this week and made her public announcement today.

SMC Board
Treasurer
ResignsPoe Too Busy
As County Clerk

DOWAGIAC — The Southwestern Michigan college board of trustees last night accepted the resignation of Kenneth M. Poe, board treasurer, effective immediately.

Poe, who is serving his fifth two-year term as Cass county clerk, said in his letter of resignation that he found it impossible to "devote the time necessary to be a good member of the board." Poe was elected in November of 1965 to a six-year term on the SMC board.

Poe said he had submitted his resignation to the board secretary Mrs. Barbara Wood Hinkler on Feb. 14. He said his duties as Cass county clerk have become increasingly demanding and have left little time for other activities.

ENROLLMENT INCREASE

In other business, college president Dr. Raymond Pietak reported a continued pattern of growth was evident by the spring semester registration. He said there are 837 students currently enrolled and overall the 1968-69 year shows an 11 per cent increase over the previous year.

Dr. Pietak also announced a \$1,000 gift to the college general



KENNETH M. POE

fund had been presented by Larry Lyons, general manager, in behalf of LaVent, Inc. The Dowagiac-based firm supplies parts to the mobile home industry.

The board hired nine new part-time instructors to the faculty of the continuing education program. They are Mrs. L.D. Comstock, who will teach folk guitar; Dr. Robert E. First, principals of management; Larry Stoops, electrical theory and code; former U.S. Air Force pilot Aubrey G. Weeks, aviation ground school training and home photography; Zigmund Jankowski, painting; Mark Krugel, investing in stock; Mrs. Riley Wyant, interior decorating; Murray Salzman, general psychology; and Russell G. Waver, income tax preparation.

Won't Put
Dredgings
In LakeArmy Will Use
Available Land
Disposal Sites

CHICAGO (AP) — An official of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said today the corps will dump dredgings from Lake Michigan on land disposal sites where they are available, instead of into the lake.

"Where land disposal areas have been made available to us, we will use them," Brig. Gen. Robert M. Tarbox, chief of the north central division of the Engineers, reported.

He addressed representatives of Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan at a conference on Lake Michigan pollution problems.

LEAST COSTLY

He said that a study now under way shows that no one solution of the disposal problem could fit all the harbors on the lake. But, he added, disposal in diked areas would be the least costly of effective methods of keeping the polluted dredgings out of the lake.

"The estimate costs for a program of dike disposal of polluted dredgings on all the Great Lakes for 10 years would require an initial investment of \$70 million with annual operating costs increased by about \$5 million," he said.

"For 18 polluted harbors on Lake Michigan, it would cost about \$7 million initially and \$2.5 million additional annually," he said.

Gen. Tarbox said it seems likely that a substantial portion of the additional costs of arranging acceptable disposal might have to be borne by a local interest.

Until opposition developed in recent years, the materials scooped up in deepening harbors and channels had been dumped into the lake.

He said the engineers could start soon an expedient program of diking that would remove about two years' dredgings at a few of the worst problem areas.

Included, he added, would be Indiana Harbor, the Calumet River, the Chicago River, Milwaukee and Green Bay harbors.

NONPOLLUTED OKAY

Gen. Tarbox said that information in hand indicates that the Corps can safely continue to throw non-polluted dredgings in the lake.

He told the conferees that the engineers are not going to wait until a report on their pilot program is submitted for review and action. He pointed out that Congress makes the ultimate decisions.

Guns Stolen
In 1967
Recovered

NILES — Niles state police said today that 21 rifles and shotguns, reported stolen in 1967, have been recovered during an investigation made with Indiana state police.

Officers said no arrests have been made yet. They said that the guns were recovered Monday. The location of the recovery has not been revealed.

The guns, reported stolen in 1967 from the home of a Niles area resident, included nine shotguns and 12 rifles, officers said.

Fennville
Deadline Is
March 15

FENNVILLE — Candidates for two three-year terms on the Fennville city commission must file nominating petitions by March 15, city clerk Mrs. Larry Morse announced. The spring election is April 7.

The petitions must not contain less than 15, nor more than 40 names of registered city residents.

Expiring are the terms of Mayor Phillip Kwiatkowski and Lloyd Dornan. The mayor here is selected by fellow commissioners.

Berrien Springs
Names Top GradsPeggy Krause, John Russell
Head Honor Students

BERRIEN SPRINGS—Peggy Krause, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Krause, 401 North Bluff street, was named valedictorian and John Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Russell, Lemon Creek road, was named salutatorian of the Berrien Springs high school 1969 graduating class at the school's 11th annual scholarship achievement banquet last night.

Miss Krause, who has a grade point average of 3.925 on a 4-point scale, is vice president of the high school's Leo P. Auble chapter of the National Honor Society. She is editor of the Limelight, the school newspaper, and secretary of the student council. She is a member of the Future Teachers club and Spanish club. She has been accepted at Western Michigan University for the 1969-70 school year.

ACCEPTED AT MSU

Russell, who has been accepted at Michigan State university for the coming year, has a grade point average of 3.769. He is a National Merit Scholarship finalist, business manager of the school yearbook, president of the German club and a member of the Future Teachers

and Pep clubs and the student council. He was president of his junior class.

The top ten seniors of the class also were honored at the banquet. They are Miss Krause, Russell, Jeff Lemon, Karen Shaff, Carol Coover, Don Lange, Diane Lausman, Kathy Alioto, John Muellen and Karen Hass.

Twenty-four students, 12 seniors and 12 juniors, were inducted into the Auble chapter of the National Honor Society.

In special ceremonies, three German exchange students who are seniors at Berrien Springs high school were made honorary members of the honor society. They are George Kamm, Lilly Bauer and Claudia Vogel.



TOP SENIORS: Peggy Krause, valedictorian, and John Russell, salutatorian, were named top two students of Berrien Springs high school's Class of 1969 during scholarship achievement banquet last night. Miss Krause is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Krause, Russell is son of Mr. and Mrs. John Russell. (Olinphoto photo)

Niles Safe
Looted Of
\$4,307

NILES — City police said that \$4,307 had been reported stolen from a safe, found pried open early this morning in the basement of the Fayette bar at 21 East Main street in the downtown business district.

Entry was reported gained to the basement by breaking a wall between the bar and a vacant building next door. Police, called to the establishment at 2:15 a.m., said the safe had been pried open and the missing money was reported to have been mostly in one, ten and twenty-dollar bills.

According to police, the bar is occupied 24 hours a day, but apparently no one heard activities in the basement. Police were told that when the bar is closed for business, cleaning help is at work. The broken safe was discovered by a janitor, police said.

OK BUILDING PLAN

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Board of Education approved a \$27 million school building program Tuesday night. Funds for the building program are to be made available through a new state law which empowers Detroit school authorities to issue bonds up to three per cent of the total assessed valuation.

Public Invited
To LMC TalkEx-Hungarian Minister
Will Be Speaker

One of two lecture appearances former Hungarian Prime Minister Ferenc Nagy will make before students and faculty of Lake Michigan college Thursday will be open to the public.

The public is invited to attend the second address scheduled at 1 p.m. in the campus fieldhouse. Nagy will speak the first time before a student-faculty audience at 10 p.m. in the Upton technical center lecture room.

Nagy, who was ousted as prime minister when the communists took over Hungary in 1948 and now lives in the United States, will detail the Communist takeover in Eastern Europe.

Members of the sponsoring LMC Veterans association indicated the speaker also will be asked to discuss charges of communist influence in current students disorders in this country.

Nagy is being brought to the LMC campus as a part of the school's concert-lecture series. His host, the LMC Veterans association, will hold a private dinner with him at 7:30 Thursday. He is to arrive here Wednesday.

A newspaperman before becoming a political leader in his native Hungary, Nagy moved to the United States when his government was taken over by the communists in 1948. He has worked as a magazine correspondent and farmer in this country, and currently has offices in Washington, D.C. He has been head of the Central-Eastern European Committee of Refugee Exiles.